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Marshal's Minute-Acting State Fire Marshal Dale Simpson

Daylight Saving Time came to an end for the year on Sunday, November 6th. The OSFM continues to stress the importance of testing, inspecting, and replacing any expired or broken smoke alarms. It's more important than ever due to the limited amount of time - 3 minutes or less - to escape a home fire that smoke alarms are working in your home. As the cold weather months arrive, I encourage everyone to test and inspect smoke alarms and CO alarms more often. It's simple: working smoke alarms save lives!

In 2021, 217 Illinois fire departments from 61 counties participated in the "Be Alarmed" program and installed 3,864 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms. It was found that 80% of pre-existing smoke alarms in homes that received new 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms were non-functional or expired. That is a scary statistic! If your department doesn't participate in "Be Alarmed!" or other smoke alarm programs, consider joining. The statistic above is only a minor number of homes being reached across the state. If we get more smoke alarms in homes and educate more residents across the state, that means more people protected and less people dying due to home fires. Visit our website sfm.illinois.gov to learn more about the program.

A 2017, Illinois law required ten-year sealed smoke alarms be installed by January 1, 2023, in all homes built before 1988 or that do not have hardwired smoke detectors provided. If you find broken alarms replace them with the ten-year sealed battery alarms so you can not only comply with the updated law but feel comfortable knowing you are being protected by working smoke alarms.

The holiday season is upon us and that means many folks will be working overtime in the kitchen. Thanksgiving is the leading day for home fires involving cooking equipment, with four times the average number occurring. Ranges and cook-tops account for almost three out of every five home fires reported involving cooking, with ovens accounting for 13% of those fires. I encourage everyone to check to make sure your cooking equipment is working properly and call a professional to fix them if needed. Also, before warming up the oven, make sure there is nothing left inside.

Frying has become a popular way to prepare a Thanksgiving turkey. While this can add flavor to the bird, it also brings along some additional risks. Only fry your turkey OUTDOORS! Make sure to not overfill oil in the fryer. Fill the pot you plan to use to fry the turkey with water and place the turkey in. This will help to determine how much oil is needed without causing oil to spill out when you are ready to fry, which could lead to a fire. Please ensure your turkey is dry before adding it to the hot oil. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Employee Spotlight



Lee Buxton

Fire Service Outreach Coordinator

Where are you originally from? I was born and raised in Decatur. My wife Michelle, our son Nick and I moved to Champaign 24 years ago when I got hired by the Urbana Fire Department. Before retiring from Urbana this year to work full time as the Fire Service Outreach Coordinator, I spent the previous five years working part time in PS&E as a Fire Certification Specialist.

Tell us about your family? Kids, Significant other..... My wife is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has her own practice. She uses her training and

her experience as the spouse of a firefighter to help other fire responders and their families who are struggling.

Favorite food(s)? Meat! Steak, brisket, pork shoulder. I love to grill and smoke.

Hobbies? Riding my Harley, cruising in my Jeep and playing with our two mastiffs, Radley and Ruckus.

What's your favorite movie or book? My favorite book is Band of Brothers by Stephen Ambrose, but I enjoy reading mystery fiction. Western movies are my favorite especially ones starring John Wayne or Clint Eastwood.

When you get in the car what type of music will be coming out of your speakers? I'm a '70s-'90s classic rock type of guy. Anything from Bob Seger, Aerosmith, and AC/DC to ZZ Top, Tesla, and Metallica.

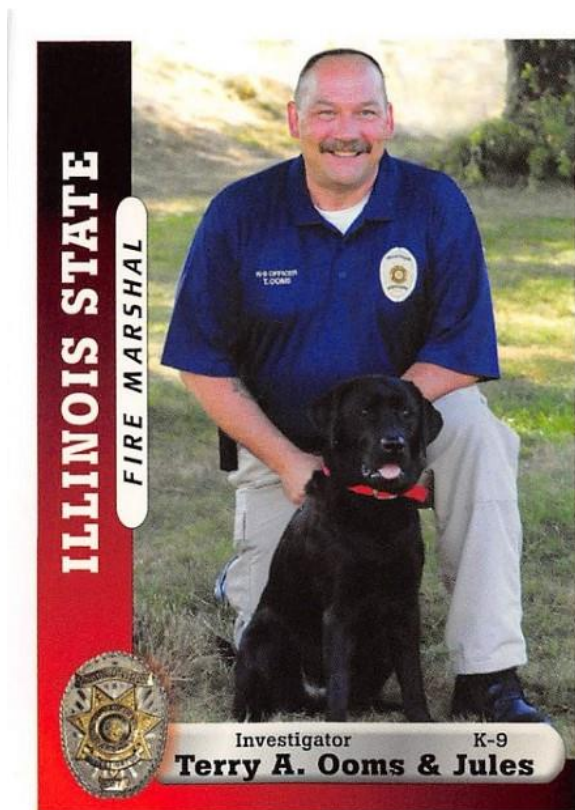
What did you want to be when you were a kid? I always wanted to be a fireman and I was lucky enough to live that dream.

What's your favorite part of the job? I love getting out and visiting with people. Chatting with them and helping them find the solutions to their issues. It's a great way to experience new things and learn myself.

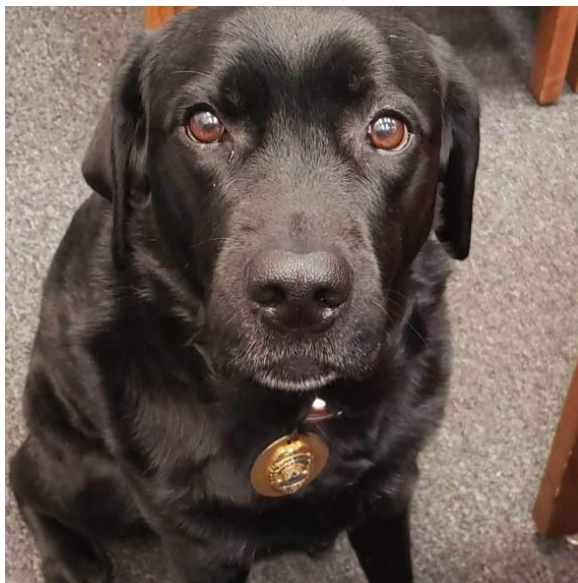
What's something unique about you? I try and look at things from multiple perspectives. I know what it's like to be knocked down by circumstances out of my control. Some things are not what they seem especially when you step out of your comfort zone and see things differently.

Where is your favorite place to vacation? We've been fortunate enough to travel both within the United States and abroad. I don't necessarily have a favorite place as much as I like to find the local hot spots. I enjoy getting away from the tourist traps and experiencing the culture and hospitality of the area.

Where is your bucket list destination? I would like to ride Highway 1, the Pacific Highway, from start to end. It is supposed to be 655 miles of the most beautiful coastline.

Retired Arson K-9 Jules Memorial

The OSFM is sad to announce the passing of Retired Arson K-9 Jules on October 22, 2022. Jules served with her partner SA Ooms for nearly 5 years and had been a regular around the office during her retirement days. Jules was a sweetheart, and everyone loved visiting the arson division to give her belly rubs. Thanks, Jules, for your years of service and for the many smiles you provided to everyone here at the OSFM.



Revolving Loan Program Extension

Application Deadline Extension:

Applications must be electronically submitted or postmarked no later than **November 15, 2022**.

The application period for the Fire Truck and Ambulance Revolving Loan Program. The Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program (FTRL) and Ambulance Revolving Loan Program (ARLP) are designed to assist departments or cities in purchasing emergency vehicles that they may not be able to afford.

Under the FTRL program, fire departments, fire protection districts, and township fire departments may apply for up to \$350,000 in low interest or no interest loans for purchase of a fire truck or brush trucks. The loans must be repaid within 20 years. Approximately \$10.5 million is available for this application period.

Under the ARLP program, units of local government (city, town, village, township, fire department, fire protection district) and not-for-profit ambulance service providers can apply for no interest or low interest loans for purchase of ambulances of up to \$200,000. These loans must be paid back in 10 years. Approximately \$2.7 million is available for loans this application period.

Applications and Eligibility criteria are available here:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/lam/FireDepartment/Grants-and-Loans/Pages/default.aspx>



Small Equipment Grant Program



REMINDER: The OSFM will award \$1.5 million to eligible fire departments and ambulance services for the purchase of small firefighting and ambulance equipment. All interested departments should send an application to OSFM electronically or postmarked no later than November 30, 2022.

The Small Equipment Grant Program was established to provide grants of up to \$26,000. A total of \$2.5 million was awarded to 104 fire departments/districts and EMS providers across the state in April.

This program is an innovative approach to a problem that has long caused difficulties for the fire departments and not-for-profit ambulance services in Illinois, particularly those that have hardships in generating the necessary revenue for small equipment. The grants allow eligible applicants the opportunity to purchase small tools and equipment that they may otherwise not be able to purchase. In addition to firefighting personal protective equipment (PPE), applicants can also apply for personal infection control items such as masks, gowns, and gloves this application cycle. Most Illinois fire departments, fire protection districts, and township fire departments are eligible to apply. In addition, stand-alone, not-for-profit ambulance service providers are eligible to apply.

All applicants are required to have participated in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) for a minimum of two years prior to applying. The OSFM will require departments to be current from August 2020 through August 2022 for this grant period.

Additional information including the application can be found here:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/lam/FireDepartment/Grants-and-Loans/Pages/default.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2IKJADTq30x027VLZUazoBZVtynRWD91meoygszVGPng61et5NSFhblXc>

Completed applications should be submitted to:
Office of the State Fire Marshal
Small Equipment Grant Program
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

OSFM Honors STSS Brian Morin

Pictured Left to Right: Matt Morin, Denise Morin, Samantha Morin and OSFM's Scott Johnson

OSFM STSS Inspector Brian Morin passed away earlier this year. His family held a memorial golf outing in his honor. Members from the OSFM attended and presented his family with a plaque with his badge on it and a formal letter thanking him for his service.

The picture on top shows Brian's family receiving the honor from OSFM's Scott Johnson, Statewide Administrator from the Petroleum and Chemical Safety Division presented the items to his family. The picture below shows some of Brian's co-workers who attended in support of him and his family.



Left to Right: John Brohan, Doug Goldner, Scott Johnson and Tom Flanagan



Fire Prevention Week 2022



Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.™



firepreventionweek.org

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WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and,
WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and dwelling units are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and,
WHEREAS, home fires caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and,
WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of a fire in which you may have as little as two minutes to escape safely; and,
WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and
WHEREAS, Illinois residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond; and,
WHEREAS, Illinois residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and,
WHEREAS, Illinois residents will make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and,
WHEREAS, Illinois first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and,
WHEREAS, Illinois residents that are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and,
WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week TM theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape," effectively serves to remind Illinoisans it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week and I urge all the people of Illinois to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Illinois' fire and emergency services.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Deese White
SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
 this SIXTEENTH day of SEPTEMBER, in
 the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-TWO, and of the State of Illinois,
 two hundred and FOURTH.

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR

Fire Prevention Week 2022 was October 9-15. This year's FPW campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape," works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

Thanks to Governor Pritzker for proclaiming October 9-15 as Fire Prevention Week in Illinois. Once again, this year, the OSFM ran a social media campaign to help stress the importance of fire safety and fire safety planning for residents across the state. We attended a couple smoke alarm awareness events in different parts of the state and worked with our partners to help spread the fire prevention message.



Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet. Call 9-1-1 or the fire department from outside your home.

Fire won't wait.
Plan your escape at fpw.org.



Fire Prevention Week 2022



NILES FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Marshal Simpson and Niles Fire Chief Marty Feld holding the FPW proclamation from Governor Pritzker.

Protect your loved ones.
Plan your home fire escape!
Fire won't wait. Plan your escape at fpw.org.



"It's important for everyone to have a home fire escape plan and practice that plan. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Every home fire escape plan will be unique, as all homes are different. Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them and plan for their needs."

Acting Illinois State Fire Marshal
Dale Simpson



Have a home fire escape plan for everyone in your home. Some people may need help waking up or getting outside. Plan for your abilities!
Fire won't wait. Plan your escape at fpw.org.



Fire is FAST! It only takes minutes for thick black smoke to fill your home.
Fire won't wait. Plan your escape at fpw.org.



Fire Prevention Week Luncheon



Acting Illinois State Fire Marshal Dale Simpson addressed the over 300 fire service personnel in attendance at the 81st Annual Fire Prevention Week Luncheon held in Woodridge. Fire Marshal Simpson thanked them for their service and stressed the OSFM's continued support of the numerous fire prevention programs going on in the state.



Niles Smoke Alarm Event



The OSFM along with our partners from the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance held a press event at the Niles Fire Department to raise awareness about the importance of working smoke alarms. Niles was honored for being part of the “Be Alarmed!” program and for installing 1,000 smoke alarms since they began participation in the program.

These events also are raising awareness about our “Be Alarmed!” program and the upcoming change to the Smoke Detector Act requiring homes built before 1988 or that don’t have hardwired smoke alarms to install 10-year sealed battery alarms in homes as of January 1, 2023.

Rockford Smoke Alarm Event



The OSFM along with our partners from the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance held a press event at the Rockford Fire Department to raise awareness about the importance of working smoke alarms. Rockford was honored for being part of the “Be Alarmed!” program.

These events also are raising awareness about our “Be Alarmed!” program and the upcoming change to the Smoke Detector Act requiring homes built before 1988 or that don’t have hardwired smoke alarms to install 10-year sealed battery alarms in homes as of January 1, 2023.



Illinois Fire Chiefs Conference



Members from the OSFM attended the Illinois Fire Chiefs Conference in Peoria from October 16-19. We debuted our new booth design and provided information for attendees about some of the programs and other upcoming events the OSFM will be offering. Thank you to IFSI for helping with the design of the booth which allows folks to come in and an area to hold one-on-one meetings to help answer questions. Fire Marshal Simpson provided remarks and an agency update during the conference. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



PFAS Survey



The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal has been tasked by the PFAS Reduction Act (415 ILCS 170) with surveying the Illinois fire service annually for six years to determine the prevalence and use of Class B foam stock which contains perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). This is the second annual survey. The OSFM is asking all departments complete the survey by **November 15, 2022.**

Only personnel authorized by their department should complete this survey.

If you have any questions, please contact Greg Hay at greg.hay@illinois.gov

Survey can be found by clicking this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZJN7XK2>



Public School Inspectors Class (Romeoville)



OSFM

PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTION CLASS

WHEN

January 18, 2023
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Class size restricted to first 60 individuals that register

WHERE

Village of Romeoville Fire Department
18 Montrose Drive
Romeoville, IL 60446

Additional Information

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Fire-Prevention-and-Building-Safety/Pages/Public-School-Inspection-Program.aspx>

BECOME A QUALIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR

COST: FREE

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

(any one of the following)

OSFM Fire Officer I, II
OSFM Company Fire Officer
OSFM Advanced Fire Officer
OSFM Fire Prevention Officer
OSFM Basic Fire Prevention Officer
OSFM Advanced Fire Prevention Officer
NFPA/ICC/OSFM Fire Inspector I
[See link for Info on Tier 2 Program](#)

REGISTER

Send the following info to
Kensie.Proctor@illinois.gov

- your name,
- your department name,
- a copy of your qualifying certificate
- signed letter from Chief
- a list of public schools (with addresses) in your district

QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER?

Kensie.Proctor@illinois.gov
or 217-785-4714 or 217-606-9808

Public School Inspectors Class (Carterville)



OSFM

PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTION CLASS

WHEN

January 31, 2023
9:00am-1:00pm

Class size restricted to first 70 individuals that register

WHERE

Carterville Community Center
120 North Greenbriar Rd.
Carterville, IL 62918

Additional Information

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Fire-Prevention-and-Building-Safety/Pages/Public-School-Inspection-Program.aspx>

BECOME A QUALIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR

COST: FREE

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

(any one of the following)

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or 217-785-4714 or 217-606-9808

Public School Inspectors Class (Springfield)



OSFM

PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTION CLASS

WHEN

February 1, 2023
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Class size restricted to first 70 individuals that register

WHERE

Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

Visitor parking is located on the west side of building

Additional Information

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Fire-Prevention-and-Building-Safety/Pages/Public-School-Inspection-Program.aspx>

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IFSI Minute

AN UPDATE FROM THE ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE

What a great fall training season for IFSI! We look forward to another solid month of training before putting the lid on the 2022 training year. A few highlights from the IFSI Team.



BASIC FIREFIGHTER/NFPA FIREFIGHTER I ACADEMY

On October 28, IFSI welcomed 53 new members to the fire service during the Commencement Ceremony of the 101st IFSI Basic Firefighter/NFPA Firefighter I Academy. It was a challenging seven-weeks for the candidates, but each one successfully completed the course requirements and have returned to their respective departments to continue their skill development. Congratulations to the graduating Academy class.



2023 WINTER FIRE SCHOOL

Registration for the 2023 Winter Fire School opens November 11. IFSI will offer eight unique courses with four new class offerings for the annual event. Attendees are also eligible for free hotel accommodations, thanks to the support from OSFM.

Seats are limited for this premier training event and space is first-come, first-served. We encourage all interested students to register online and early. Complete program details:

fsi.illinois.edu

2023 CALENDAR

It is that time of year again! IFSI will release the 2023 calendar later this month. Printed calendars will mail to all fire departments, IFSI staff, and our friends in early December. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the printed calendar, please email fsi-marketing@illinois.edu.



We thank you for the continued support and wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

World Mental Health Day

October 10th was World Mental Health Day. Mental health is just as important as your physical health. Statistics show 1 in 4 people suffer from some form of mental illness in any given year. Firefighters are three times more likely to die from suicide than in the line of duty. According to the Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance, 105 firefighters took their own lives in the United States in 2014. The US Firefighters Association (USFA) reports that about 10 percent of firefighters may be abusing illicit substances and that alcohol abuse among this population is more than twice the rates seen in the general public. Post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and suicidal thoughts and behaviors among first responders are also common and believed to be triggered or worsened by repeat exposure to trauma, including physical abuse and death among the people they serve, loss of people close to them, and life-threatening situations.

The OSFM has added resources to our website to help connect first responders with resources to help. Visit: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/Resources/Pages/First-Responder-Resiliency-Mental-Health-Resources.aspx>

National School Bus Safety Week



ZERO IN ON BUS SAFETY
#NSBSW2022

NCSR | National Coalition
 for Safer Roads



National School Bus Safety Week was October 17-21 and reminds students, parents, teachers, and the community to keep school bus safety at the forefront. NCSR is proud to partner with Verra Mobility and other road safety champions for this year's National School Bus Safety Week. According to School bus Fleet, in the 2018-19 school year, an estimated 479,867 yellow school buses provided daily transportation to students in the United States. More than 25 million children ride school buses daily throughout the United States. That accounts for 47,000,000 trips daily – before you include an estimated 5,000,000 more for activity trips. Roughly 54% of all K-12 students in the United States rely on school bus transportation.

School Bus Safety Tips:



How motorists can keep kids safe around the school bus.

- When driving in neighborhoods with bus stops, schools and school zones, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- Slow down. Look for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood.
- Remember, children do not easily estimate vehicle speeds and often misjudge when it is safe to cross the street when a vehicle is approaching.
- Learn and obey the school bus laws in your state. Obey the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions.
- Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop areas indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing. The extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

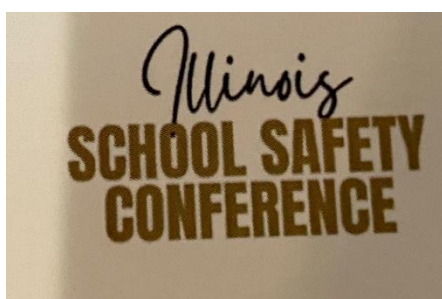
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Illinois School Safety Conference



Fire Marshal Simpson, Fire Prevention Division Manager Jeff Rath and Bernie Arends from Tech Services were on hand to answer question and provide information about the OSFM at the Illinois School Safety Conference in Niles on October 6th. It was a full house for the event and attendees were able to take home some OSFM swag as well.



National Move Over Day



STATE LAW

**MOVE OVER OR SLOW
DOWN FOR STOPPED
EMERGENCY VEHICLES**



October 15 is designating as Move Over Day in Illinois, which aligns Illinois' law designed to promote safe driving behavior and encourage motorists to move over for all vehicles stopped on the side of the roadway.

In 2000, Illinois lawmakers passed Scott's Law, named after Chicago Firefighter Lieutenant Scott Gillen, who was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver while working on the Dan Ryan Expressway. The law was created to protect law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency response personnel, highway workers, and tow truck drivers working along roadways.

Slow Down, Move Over and allow plenty of room for first responders to work on the roadway. They want to get home safely just like you!

Bristol Kendall FPD Open House



Special Agent Mitch Kushner and K-9 GG attended an open house at the Bristol Kendall Fire Protection District on October 5th. They had a chance to talk with people about fire safety and did a demonstration about how our Accelerant Detection K-9's work to aid and assist departments across the state in determining cause and origin of fires.

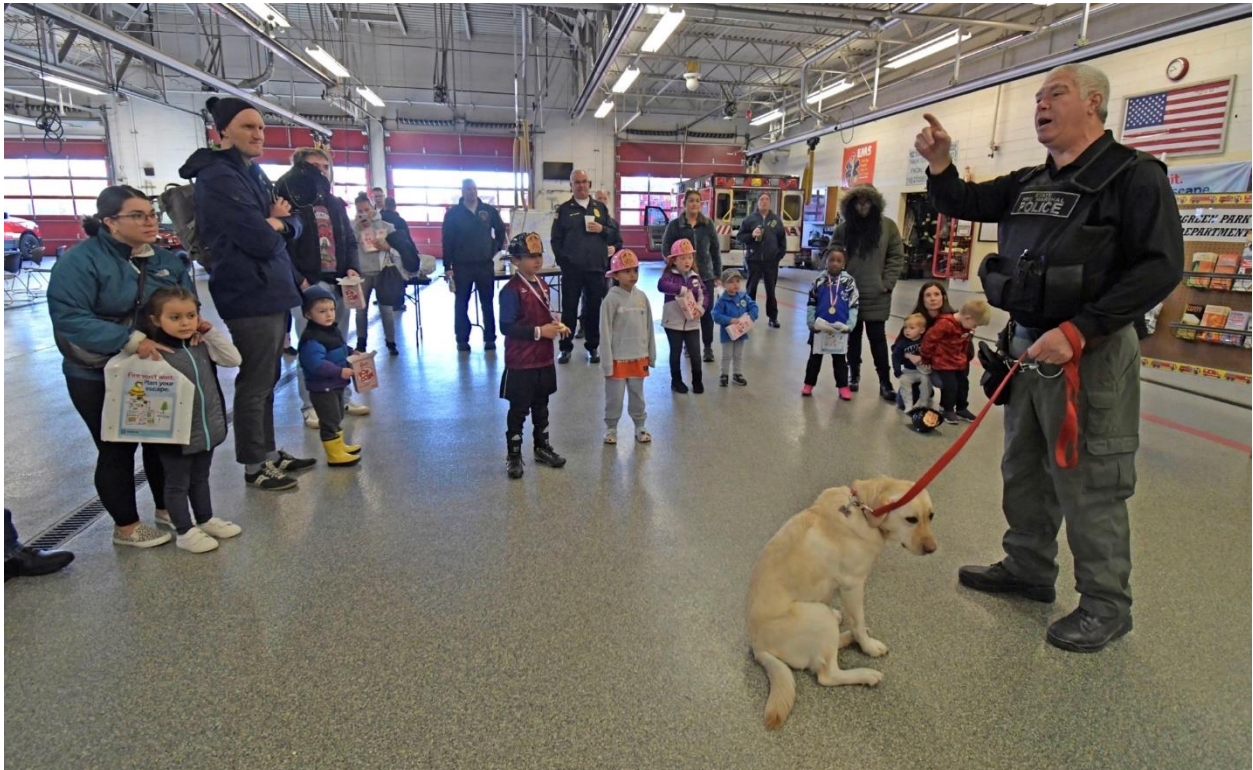


LaGrange Park & Glenview Open House



Special Agent Mitch Kushner and K-9 GG made stops at the La Grange Park Fire Department and Glenview Fire Department open houses to visit with residents and provide some important fire safety information. They also conducted a demonstration on how GG can help aid and assist fire departments to help determine cause and origin of a fire.

Rolling Meadows & Evergreen Park Open House



Special Agent Mitch Kushner and K-9 GG visited with folks at the Rolling Meadows Fire Department and Evergreen Park Fire Department open houses.

South Elgin and Elk Grove Village Open House



Special Agent Mitch Kushner and K-9 GG continued their tour of suburban fire department open houses. This time they stopped by to visit with folks at the South Elgin Countryside Fire Protection District and the Elk Grove Village Fire Department.



Winchester School Visit



Special Agent Bobby Joe Brown and K-9 Sasha visited with students at Winchester High School on October 20th. They talked about how our accelerant detection K-9's work and how important their information can be to investigators.

Sasha enjoyed showing off her skills and the extra attention she received at the school.



Cooking Safety



Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**
The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards



nfpa.org/education ©NFPA 2017

Cooking Safety

Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

- ❗ The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ❗ Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



Turkey Fryer Safety

Turkey Fryer Safety

NFPA discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that cook the turkey in hot oil. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property.



The Dangers of Turkey Fryers

- » Hot oil may splash or spill during the cooking. Contact between hot oil and skin could result in serious injury.
- » A hot oil spill can happen with fryers designed for outdoor use using a stand. The fryer could tip over or collapse causing the hot oil to spill. Newer countertop units using a solid base appear to reduce this risk. NFPA does not believe the risks of either type of turkey fryer to be acceptable because of the large amount of hot oil involved and the speed and severity of burns.
- » In deep frying, oil is heated to temperatures of 350° Fahrenheit or more. Cooking oil is combustible. If it is heated above its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite.
- » Propane-fired turkey fryers must be used outdoors. **They are very popular for Thanksgiving.** Many parts of the country may have rain or snow at this time of year. If rain or snow hits the hot cooking oil, the oil may splatter or turn to steam, leading to burns.
- » Turkeys must be completely thawed before placing in the fryer, because a partially thawed turkey will cause the oil to splatter causing serious burns.
- » The fryers use a lot of oil, about five gallons. Considering the size and weight of the turkey, extreme caution must be taken when placing and removing the turkey from the fryer to be sure it is not dropped back into the fryer, splattering the oil on the chef.

OIL-LESS FRYERS

NFPA urges those who prefer fried turkey to look for grocery stores, specialty food retailers, and restaurants that sell deep fried turkeys, or consider a new type of "oil-less" turkey fryer."



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Shout Outs/Kudos

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation to Mr. Chet Janus - Inspection/ Investigation - Office of the State Fire Marshall, Illinois, for his professional assistance in helping me with my Registration with the State of Illinois.

It is with great gratitude that I write this letter as I needed assistance with my Application For renewal and Chet provided it all in one cell phone call.

I cannot be blind to the exemplary and stellar performance of Chet Janus of your office throughout this specific cell phone call on October,19, 2022, as he directed me to complete my Church's, Triennial Conveyance Inspection.

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Kids' Corner



SMOKE ALARM

Safety Sheet

Families: Smoke alarms save lives. Make sure the smoke alarms in your home are working. Hang up this handy chart to remind you to test your smoke alarms every month.

MONTH	TESTED SMOKE ALARMS	SMOKE ALARMS WORKED
OCTOBER 		
NOVEMBER 		
DECEMBER 		
JANUARY 		
FEBRUARY 		
MARCH 		
APRIL 		
MAY 		
JUNE 		
JULY 		
AUGUST 		
SEPTEMBER 		

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